

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 38-47 were previously canceled in the Amendment filed October 15, 2002. Therefore, the above corrected listing of the claims shows claims 38-47 as canceled.

Claims 38-40 were added in the Amendment filed June 19, 2003. These claims were correctly renumbered as claims 48-50 by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed September 9, 2003. Therefore, these claims are shown as claims 48-50 in the above corrected listing of the claims.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-11 and 22-37 and 48-50 are currently pending.

II. CONCLUSION

It is respectfully believed that this response is fully responsive to the Communication mailed March 15, 2004.

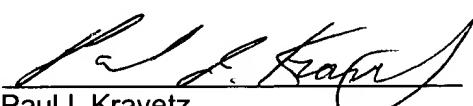
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